Examine the Profession of Podiatric Medicine
Podiatric Medicine

Podiatric Medicine is the branch of medicine which medically and surgically manages care of the lower extremity. The podiatric physician is a health professional who is involved with examination, prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of foot disorders by physical, medical, and surgical means.

A podiatric physician is trained to detect the signs of general bodily disorders which may appear first in the lower extremity, such as diabetes or circulatory disorders. When such diagnoses are made, the podiatrist consults with the patient’s family doctor concerning the continuing treatment of the systemic ailment. A career in podiatric medicine can include surgery, sports medicine, orthopedics, biomechanics, geriatric and pediatric care, as well as primary care.

Quick Facts about Podiatry:
- There are an estimated 15,000 podiatrists practicing in the United States.
- Doctors of podiatric medicine receive basic and clinical science education and training comparable to that of medical doctors, including four years of undergraduate education, four years of graduate study and three years of hospital-based post-graduate residency training.
- Podiatric medicine is to the foot and ankle what ophthalmology is to the eye and cardiology is to the heart.

Sources:
2009 APMA Foot Ailments Survey, represents 1,082 women and men aged 18-69
2009 APMA Type 2 Diabetes Study, represents 600 men and women aged 35-65+

“Podiatry is definitely a great field in medicine. It is growing and evolving more and more every day.”
— Nuncio Misseri, Class of 2016

State-of-the-Art Podiatric Medical Education Facility

- A sprawling campus of 27-acres of dense trees and land
- 137,000 square foot facility including 11,000 square foot, 450-seat classrooms
- All classrooms come equipped with "Smart Technology" which includes interactive white-boards, built-in screens, video data projectors, digital lecture recording capabilities, and electronic light and window shade controls
- Unmatched, state-of-the-art Anatomy Lab consisting of 21 Flat Screen, 32" Plasma TVs positioned over each cadaver table, "Sky-Eye Camera" that rotates and zooms into cadavers, and brand new touch screen, interactive computers
- 5,500 square foot library with a comprehensive medical collection of books, journals and electronic resources to fill the needs of our podiatric medical students
- OhioLINK, a consortium of 88 colleges and universities, allows Kent State students to have access to other university and public library collections throughout the state of Ohio including 50 million library items, 17,000 e-journals, 140 research databases, and 68,000 e-books
- 2,500 square foot Histology/Microbiology Lab
- Simulated Patient Center that offers seven simulated treatment rooms and a simulated computerized patient
- Surgical Skills Lab that offers a Simulated Operating Room
- 1,600 square foot Podiatric Medical Skills Lab
- Computer Media Center consisting of computer stations designed for student group participation
- 1,500 square foot Quiet Study Room devoted to student studying
- Student Game Room & Fitness Center, featuring lockers, showers, and saunas
- Outdoor recreational facility with walking/hiking path around campus

“Kent State University has spectacular facilities and was clearly designed for student success. I knew right away that I would be in the best environment to achieve my goals.”
— Elvis Denna, Class of 2017
Nearly all applicants will earn at least a Bachelor's degree prior to entry. Next to New York City, Cleveland is the second largest city in Ohio. The city of Cleveland is also home to the famous clinic of Lake Erie. The proximity of the Great Lakes clinics makes Cleveland a major sports town.

Cleveland offers an array of nightlife and culture:

- **The Warehouse District**
  - regular events like concerts, restaurants, nightlife, and sports

- **East 4th Street**
  - one of the more popular destination spots

- **Tremont District**
  - a neighborhood featuring old history, along with new restaurants and design

- **Rock & Roll Hall of Fame**
  - a museum that highlights the city's rich music heritage

Cleveland is a major sports town:

- Cleveland Browns at First Energy Stadium (in Cleveland)
- Cleveland Cavaliers at Quicken Loans Arena
- Cleveland Indians at Progressive Field
- National Football League Hall of Fame located in Canton, Ohio

Year 1
Full Semester
- Human Systems Pathology
- Pharmacology and Therapeutics

Fall Semester
- Introduction to Podiatric Practice I
- Podiatric Medical Practice Seminar

Year 2
Full Semester
- Human Systems Pathology
- Pharmacology and Therapeutics

Fall Semester
- Introduction to Podiatric Practice II
- Podiatric Medical Practice Seminar

Suggested Coursework
- Minimum 90 semester hours of undergraduate credits.

Required Coursework
- 90 semester hours of accredited college coursework that must include:
  - 4 semester or 6 quarter hours of English
  - 8 semester or 12 quarter hours of Organic Chemistry
  - 8 semester or 12 quarter hours of General/Inorganic Chemistry
  - 8 semester or 12 quarter hours of Physics
  - 4 semester or 6 quarter hours of Calculus

Admission Requirements
- No application will be accepted without a complete application for admission to Kent State University College of Podiatric Medicine. Students must have completed all coursework prior to enrolling at Kent State University College of Podiatric Medicine; however, you may apply with 90 semester hours of undergraduate credits.

- The Decision
  - Following your visit to KSUCPM and interview, candidates will be notified of their admission decision within two to three weeks of the admission decision.

- Application Services (AACPMAS). Please visit www.aacpm.org to apply.